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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, Concerning a Possible Appearance by [ ]

Today Mr. O'Neill and I met with Mr. Preston and asked him if there were any plans to have [ ] before the Committee in the foreseeable future. Preston said Secretary Laird has been pressing Chairman Mahon to have [ ] come up and brief the Committee on the work he has been doing in his present job, but Preston said frankly he (Preston) had been dragging his feet on this. He said [ ] has been badgering him about an appearance and insisting that it be before the Special Group and not the Defense Subcommittee. Preston said if [ ] comes up, Representative Whitten would just about take him apart. He added that no date has been set for an appearance by [ ] and he seriously doubts that anything will develop until after the first of September.

[ ]  
Acting Legislative Counsel

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